Regional Rural Banks

686. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Rural Banks functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of these banks proposed to be set up during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, State-wise;

(c) the number of banks which were closed being unviable during the last three years;

(d) the profit and loss accounts of each RRBs functioning in Maharashtra as on 31st March, 2003;

(e) the loans of these banks lying outstanding including bad debts as on 30th September, 2003; and

(f) the efforts made to effect recovery and improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) 196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are functioning in the country. State-wise number of RRBs is as under:

Sl. No.	States	No. of RRBs
1	2	3
1	Haryana	4
2	Himachal Pradesh	2
3	Jammu and Kashmir	3
4	Punjab	5
5	Rajasthan	14
6	Arunachal Pradesh	1
7	Assam	5
8	Manipur	1
9	Meghalaya	1
10	Mizoram	1
11	Nagaland	1

1	2	3
12	Tripura	1
13	Bihar	16
14	Jharkhand	6
15	Orissa	9
16	West Bengal	9
17	Chhattisgarh	5
18	Madhya Pradesh	19
19	Uttar Pradesh	36
20	Uttaranchal	4
21	Gujarat	9
22	Maharashtra	10
23	Andhra Pradesh	16
24	Karnataka	13
25	Kerala	2
26	Tamil Nadu	3
	TOTAL :	196

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c)No RRB has been closed being unviable during the last three years.

(d) and (e) The profit/loss accounts, loans and advances outstanding and % of NPA (Bad debts) of each RRBs functioning in Maharashtra as on 31st March, 2003 (latest available) are as under:

(Rs. Crore)

	Name of the RRBs	Profit/ Loss	Loans and advances outstanding	NPA%/ (Bad debts)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Akola Gramin Bank	0.12	56.79	16.24
2.	Aurangabad-Jalna Gramin Bank	(03.24	137.59	27.34
3.	Bhandara Gramin Bank	(•)123	54.80	9.34

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Buldhana Gramin Bank	1.32	43.59	19.48
5.	ChandrapurGadchiroli Gramin Bank	(02.96	65.02	15.74
6.	Marathwada Gramin Bank	(011.09	175.65	39.29
7.	Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Gramin Bank	0.04	57.57	5.04
8.	Solapur Gramin Bank	0.02	47.37	11.43
9.	Thane Gramin Bank	1.30	9.71	16.97
10	Yavatmal Gramin Bank	. 1.36	37.09	11.83

(f) The following steps have also been taken to further improve the performance of the RRBs:—

(i) Introduction of Development Action Plan and Memoranda of Understanding on an annual basis for bringing improvement in the performance of the RRBs in a planned way and introduction of prudential norms covering income recognition, assets classification and provisioning norms;

(ii) Diversification of business portfolios and activities.

(iii) Rationalization of branch network including relocation and merger of loss making branches; (iv)

Deregulation of interest rate structure;

(v) Greater role of the sponsor banks in the management of RRBs; and

(vi) Skill upgradation of RRB employees.

As a part of recovery drive apart from RRBs own machinery, the following resources are made available to recover loans.

* Recovery through Lok Adalat.
* Recovery with the help of Government machinery/district administration particularly under Government sponsored schemes.
* Involvement of farmers clubs to improve recovery.
* Recovery through Self Help Group;
* Compromise settlement in chronic over-dues cases;
* Recovery through civil suits under existing legal system